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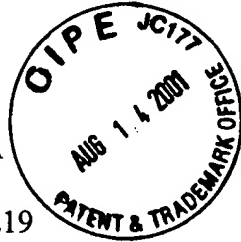
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

1. Japanese Patent Application No. 7-74771, published March 17, 1995 with English Abstract.
2. Japanese Patent Application No. 7-234849, published September 5, 1995 with English Abstract.
3. Japanese Patent No. 2973373, published September 3, 1999 (corresponds to Japanese Patent Application No. 4-213942, published August 5, 1992 with English Abstract).

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

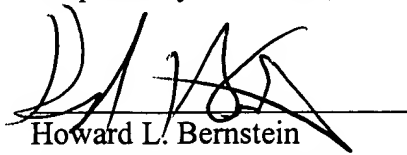
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